to the disclosure of number of bank accounts and immovable properties in the name of the accused and his family members.

Crime of Counterfeiting

*198. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that once a crime of counterfeiting linked only to the border States of Punjab and J&K has become an all-India phenomenon, with Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Assam, Tripura and Nagaland showing heavy recoveries of fake Indian currency notes in the last two years;

(b) whether the Intelligence agencies informed Government that besides printing presses in Karachi, Peshawar, Quetta and Muzafferabad there is information about fake notes in Dubai; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) The cases of circulation of fake currency notes are being reported from various parts of the country. It is not a fact that counterfeiting of Indian currency notes was earlier linked only to the border State of Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir. According to available information, the total value of fake currency notes recovered and seized during the last three years, i.e., 1997, 1998 and 1999, was Rs. 3,55,70,249/-, Rs.64,97,127/- and Rs. 1,83,35,315/- respectively.

(b) and (c) Reports available with the Government indicate that Peshawar is one of the Centres in Pakistan where fake Indian currency is printed and diverted to various locations in India.